

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A sanding block comprising an abrasive grit bonded to a flexible, compressible, polymeric foam core, the sanding block conforming, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, substantially to a block having two expansive sides and two adjacent sides, wherein both of the expansive sides are abrasive, wherein each of the expansive sides has two opposite edges, at each of which one of the adjacent sides adjoins of the expansive side, wherein for each expansive side a given one of the opposite edges, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, is a sharp edge, and wherein the other one of the opposite edges, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, is a curved edge.

2. (Previously Presented) The sanding block of claim 1 wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, each curved edge defines a radius not less than about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch at any location on said curved edge, the radius of one curved edge being substantially equal to the radius of the other curved edge.

3. (Previously Presented) The sanding block of claim 1 wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, each sharp edge defines an acute angle in a range from about 55° to about 70°.

4. (Previously Presented) The sanding block of claim 2 wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, each sharp edge defines an acute angle in a range from about 55° to about 70°.

5. (Original) The sanding block of claim 1 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

6. (Original) The sanding block of claim 2 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

7. (Original) The sanding block of claim 3 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

8. (Original) The sanding block of claim 4 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

9. (Original) The sanding block of claim 5 wherein the other one of the expansive sides and the other one of the adjacent sides also are abrasive.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A sanding block comprising an abrasive grit bonded to a flexible, compressible, polymeric foam core, the sanding block conforming, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, substantially to a block having two expansive sides and two adjacent sides, wherein both of the expansive sides are abrasive, wherein each of the expansive sides has two opposite edges, at each of which one of the adjacent sides adjoins of the expansive side, wherein for each expansive side a given one of the opposite edges, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, is a sharp edge, and wherein the other one of the opposite edges, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, is a curved edge and wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, the radius of one curved edge being substantially equal to the radius of the other curved edge.